

HUD's eGrants Update for Grantees

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Introductions

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A single, unified storefront for all customers of federal funds to electronically find funding opportunities and electronically apply for funds.

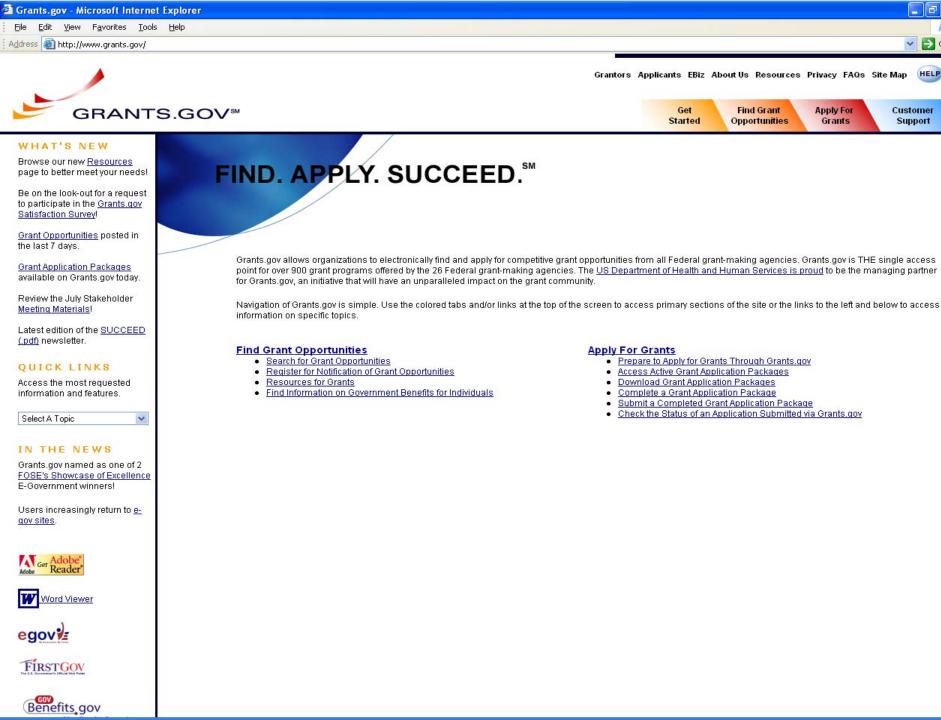
Grants.gov Statistics

- Officially opened for business October 1, 2003
- As of July 2004
 - 3,000 grants have been posted to the site
 - 26 Federal Agencies have posted funding opportunities
 - 16 Federal Agencies have posted electronic applications covering 115 programs
- Week of July 5
 - 1,209,442 hits per week
 - 547,943 applicant notification emails sent per week
- HUD posted its first electronic application on May 12, 2004 - Housing Counseling Training

HUD's Grants.gov Statistics

- Received its first electronic application May 22, 2004.
- Housing Counseling Training NOFA received 18 applications electronically by the deadline.
- Grants.gov support was able to handle all transmission questions posed by applicants.

Grants.gov/Find and Apply Primer



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Getting started with Grants.gov is easy! There are two key features on the site: Find Grant Opportunities and Apply for Grants. Everything else on the site is designed to support these two features and your use of them. While you can begin searching for grant opportunities for which you would like to apply immediately, it is recommended that you complete the remaining Get Started steps sooner rather than later, so that when you find an opportunity for which you would like to apply, you are ready to go. Review any of the steps listed below or access the left navigation bar for more detailed information. Registration Checklists are also available to guide you through the Get Started process.

Get Started Step 1 - Find Grant Opportunity for Which You Would Like to Apply

Start your search for Federal government-wide grant opportunities and register to receive automatic email notifications of new grant opportunities as they are posted to the site by accessing the Find Grant Opportunities tab at the top of the page.

Get Started Step 2 - Download an Application Package

Once you have located a grant opportunity for which you wish to apply, check to see if it is available to apply online through Grants.gov. You will need to enter the Funding Opportunity and/or CFDA number to access the application package and instructions. Access the Grants.gov Programs List to review CFDA numbers for programs with applications currently available on Grants.gov. In order to view application packages and instructions, you will also need to download and install the PureEdge Viewer, This small, free program will allow you to access, complete, and submit applications electronically and securely.

Get Started Step 3 - Register with Central Contractor Registry (CCR)

Your organization will also need to be registered with Central Contractor Registry. You can register with them online. This will take about 30 minutes. You should receive your CCR registration within 3 business days. Important: You must have a DUNS number from Dun & Bradstreet before you register with CCR, Many organizations already have a DUNS number. To investigate if your organization already has a DUNS number or to obtain a DUNS number, contact Dun & Bradstreet at 1-866-705-5711. This will take about 10 minutes and is free of charge. Be sure to complete the Marketing Partner ID (MPIN) and Electronic Business Primary Point of Contact fields during the CCR registration process. These are mandatory fields that are required when submitting grant applications through Grants.gov.

Get Started Step 4 - Register with the Credential Provider

You must register with a Credential Provider to receive a username and password. This will be required to securely submit your grant application.

Get Started Step 5 - Register with Grants.gov

The final step in the Get Started process is to register with Grants.gov. This will be required to submit grant applications on behalf of your organization. After you have completed the registration process, you will receive email notification confirming that you are able to submit applications through Grants.gov.

Get Started Step 6 - Log on to Grants.gov

After you have registered with Grants.gov, you can log on to Grants.gov to verify if you have registered successfully, to check application status, and to update information in your applicant profile, such as your name, telephone number, email address, and title. In the future, you will have the ability to determine if you are authorized to submit applications through Grants.gov on behalf of your organization.

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Register with Central **Contractor Registry**

Your organization will need to be registered with Central Contractor Registry (CCR) before you can submit a grant application through Grants.gov. When your organization registers with the CCR, you will be required to designate an E-Business Point of Contact*. This individual will become the sole authority of the organization with the capability of designating, or revoking, an individual's ability to submit grant applications on behalf of their organization through Grants, gov.

Why is this important? CCR validates applicant information and electronically shares the secure and encrypted data with the Federal agencies' finance offices to facilitate paperless payments through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), The CCR will house your organizational information, allowing Grants.gov to use that information to verify your identity and to pre-fill organizational information on your grant applications.

What is the process? You may register for the CCR by calling the CCR Assistance Center at 1-888-227-2423 or you may register online at http://www.ccr.gov.

To make the process easier, we suggest that you download CCR's Registration Worksheet and complete it prior to registering. You will need Adobe Reader to view this registration worksheet.

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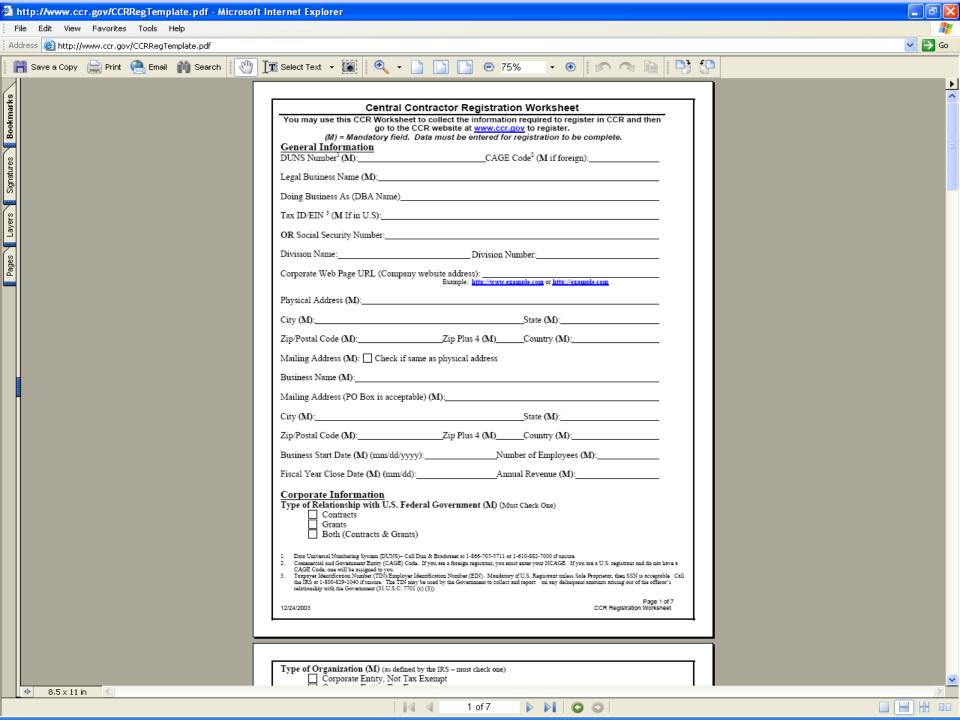
The MPIN must have 9 digits containing at least one alpha character (must be in capital letters) and one number (no spaces or special characters permitted). Note: The Marketing Partner (MPIN) can also be used as a password to access other government applications (e.g. Past Performance Automated System, FedBizOpps, and FedTeDS).

The E-Business Point of Contact is the individual designated by your organization who will become the sole authority within the organization to designate, or revoke, an individual's ability to submit grant applications on behalf of his organization through Grants.gov. The E-Business Point of Contact will need to know the MPIN within the CCR Profile to be able to login to the EBiz link on Grants.gov.

If you have the necessary information ready, online registration will take about 30 minutes to complete, depending upon the size and complexity of your organization. You should receive your CCR registration within 3 business days.

*PLEASE NOTE: The designated E-Business Point of Contact will be notified via email when individuals from their organization Register with Grants.gov (Getting Started Step 5). This registration constitutes a request to be granted Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) rights. AORs have the ability to submit grant applications through Grants.gov. To assign AOR rights, E-Business Point of Contacts should access the EBiz link at the top of the page for further direction and guidance.





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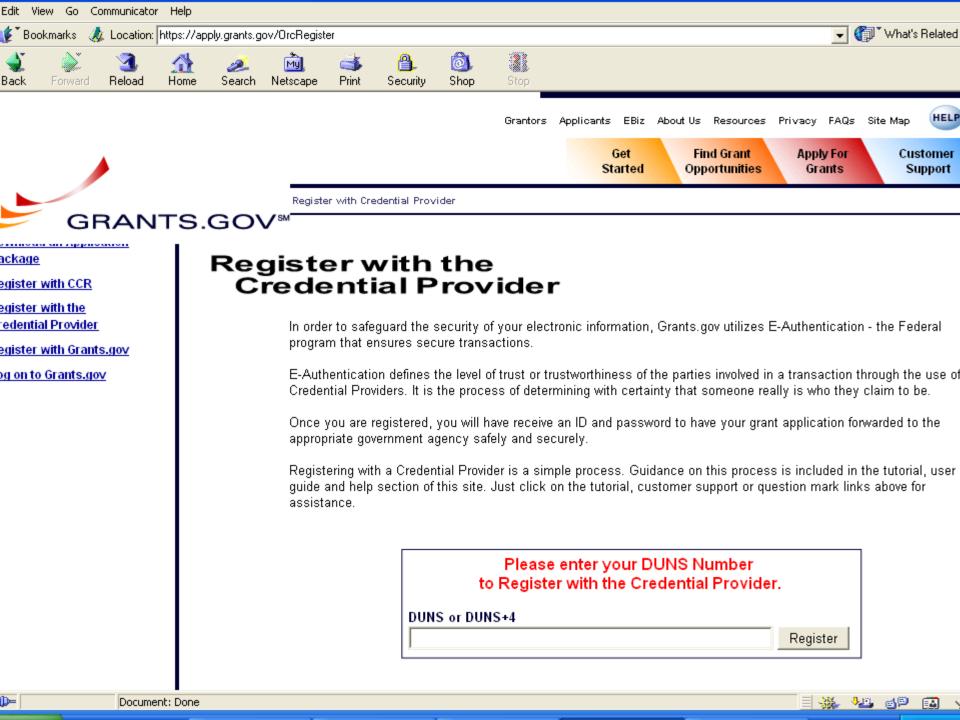
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The Credential Provider for Grants gov is Operational Research Consultants (ORC). When you register with ORC, you will receive a username and password which you will need to Register with Grants.gov as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR). As an AOR, you will be authorized to submit grant applications through Grants.gov on behalf of your organization. Note that the eBusiness Point of Contact for your organization will need to assign these rights to you once you have registered with Grants gov.

Registering with a Credential Provider is a simple process. Access Credential Provider to register. If you have any questions about obtaining credentials, please contact us at support@grants.gov.

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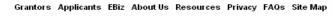




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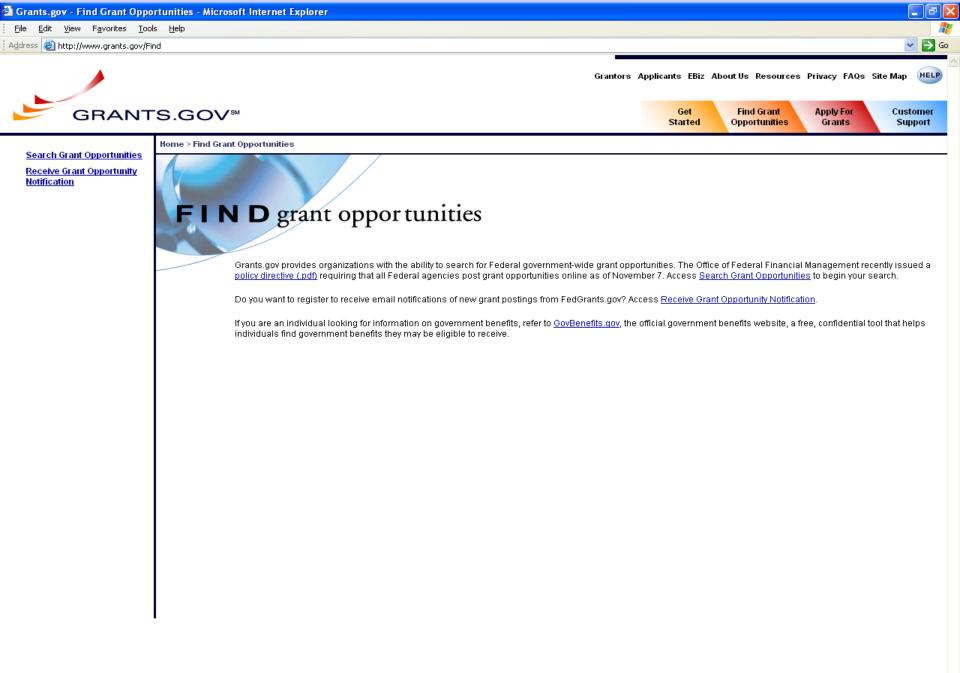
Enter the username and password from registering with the Credential Provider. You will then be asked to provide identifying information and your organization's DUNS number. After you have completed the registration process, Grants.gov will notify the E-Business Point of Contact (POC) for assignment of user privileges.

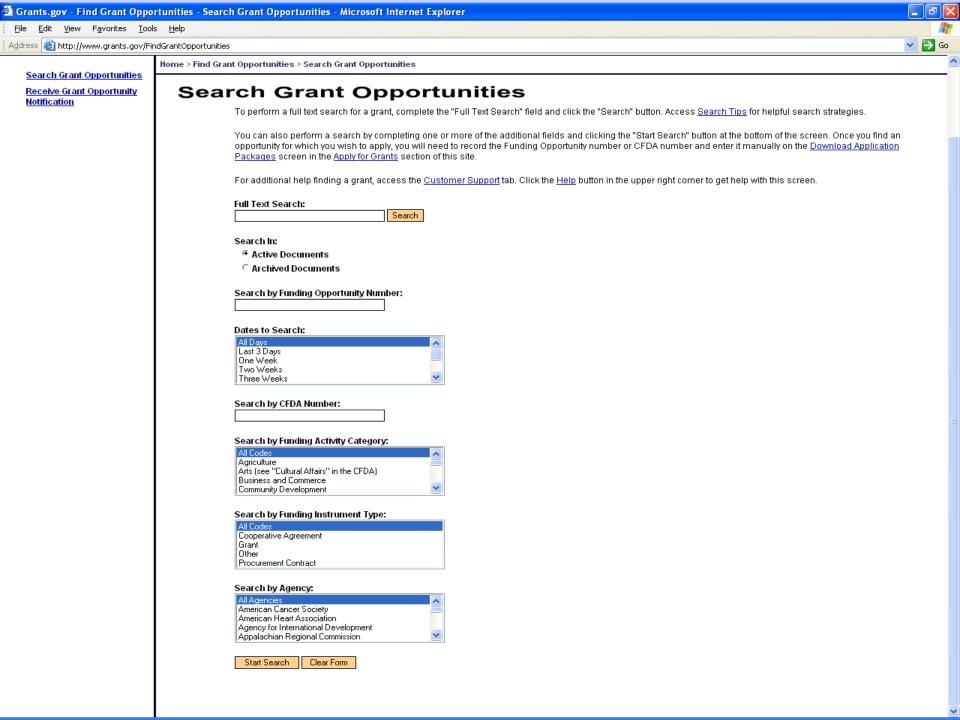


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Grants gov provides a single, secure and reliable source for applying for Federal grants online, simplifying the grant application process and reducing paperwork. To learn more about the benefits of applying online, access key benefits.

Do you have the Funding Opportunity and/or CFDA number of the grant for which you want to apply? You need it to download a grant application and apply for a grant.

If you have the Funding opportunity and/or CFDA number, you are ready to download the application package and begin the process to apply for grants through Grants.gov. It is a 3-step process:

Apply Step 1 - Download a Grant Application Package and Application Instructions

You will need to enter the Funding Opportunity and/or CFDA number to access the application package and instructions. Access Grants.gov Programs List to review CFDA numbers for programs with applications currently available on Grants.gov. In order to view application packages and instructions, you will also need to download and install the PureEdge Viewer. This small, free program will allow you to access, complete, and submit applications electronically and securely.

Apply Step 2 - Complete the Selected Grant Application Package

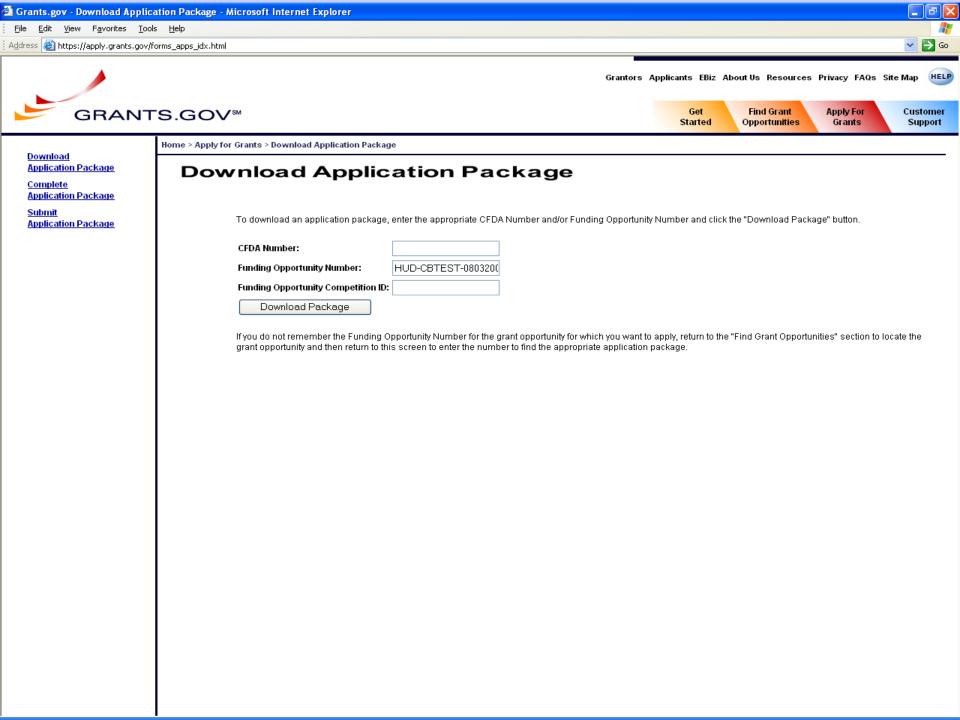
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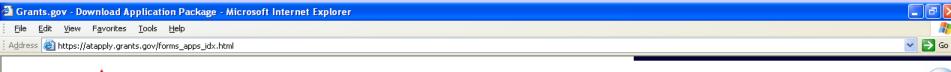
Apply Step 3 - Submit a Completed Grant Application Package

You will submit the application online. When you are ready to submit the completed application, you will also need to have already completed the Get Started Steps. You will then need to log into Grants gov using the username and password you entered when you registered with a Credential Provider to submit the application.

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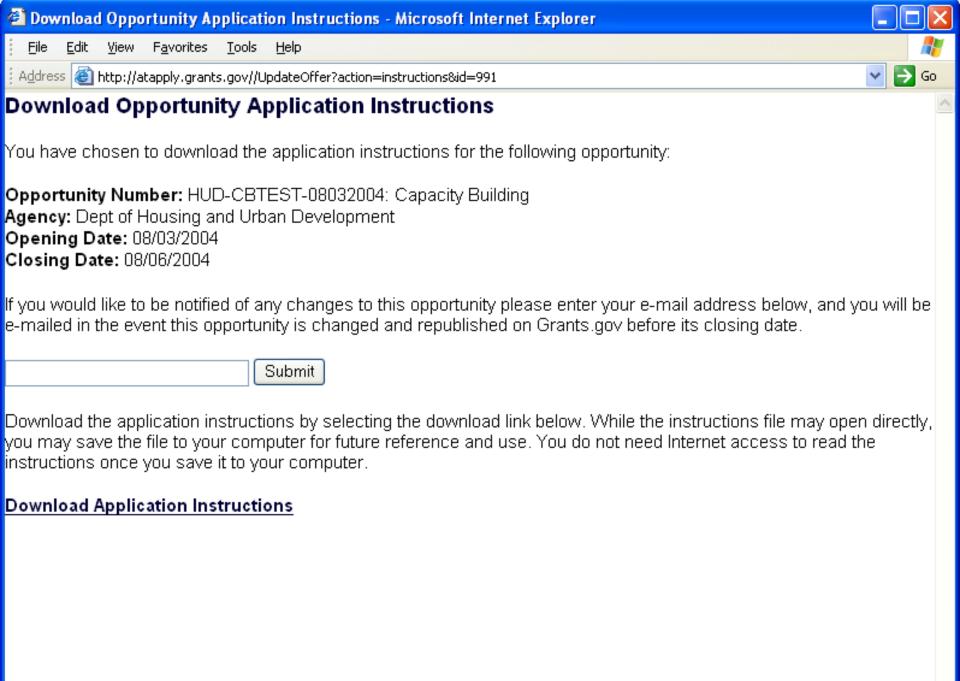
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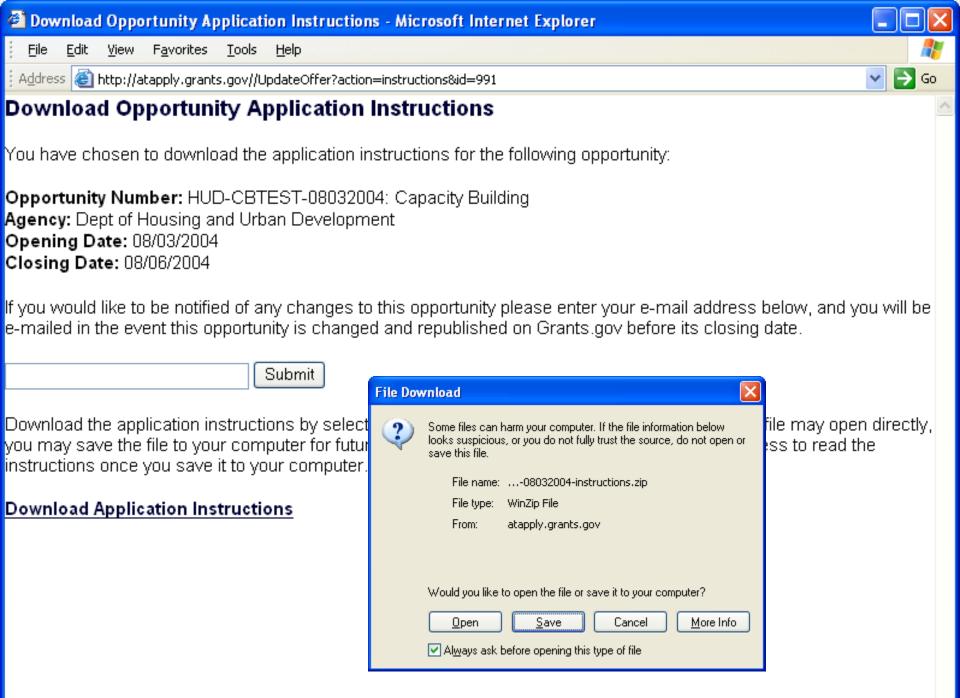
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If you would like to be notified of any changes to this opportunity please enter your e-mail address below, and you will be e-mailed in the event this opportunity is changed and republished on Grants.gov before its closing date.

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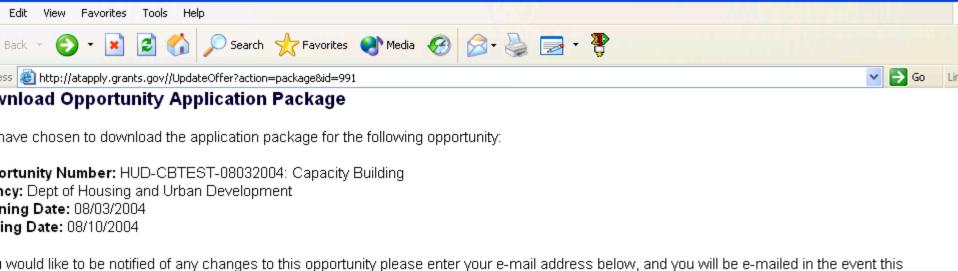
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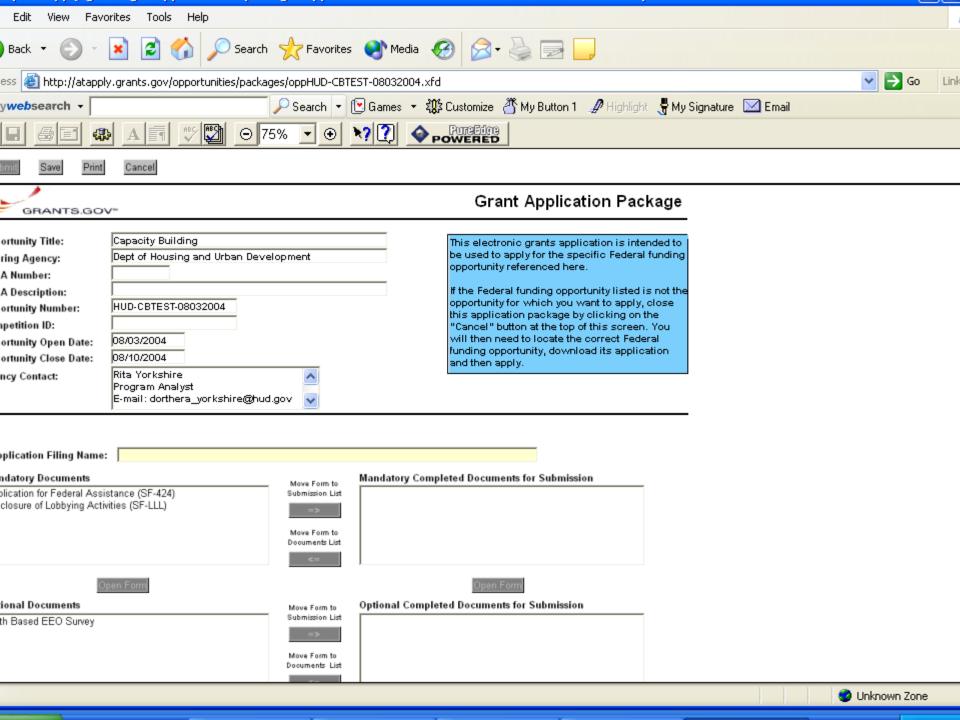


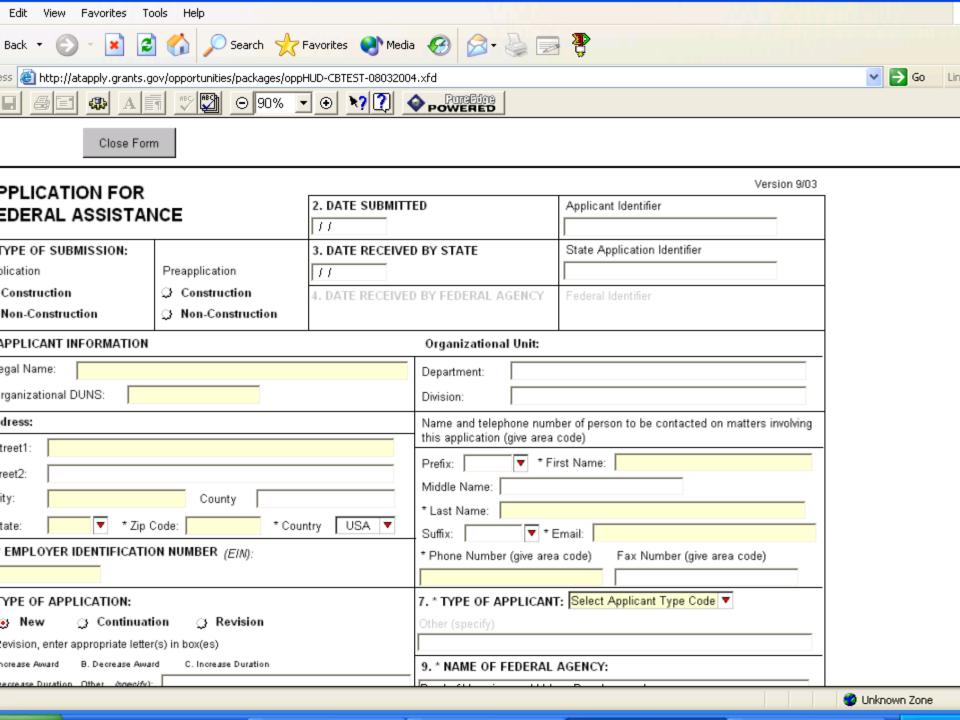
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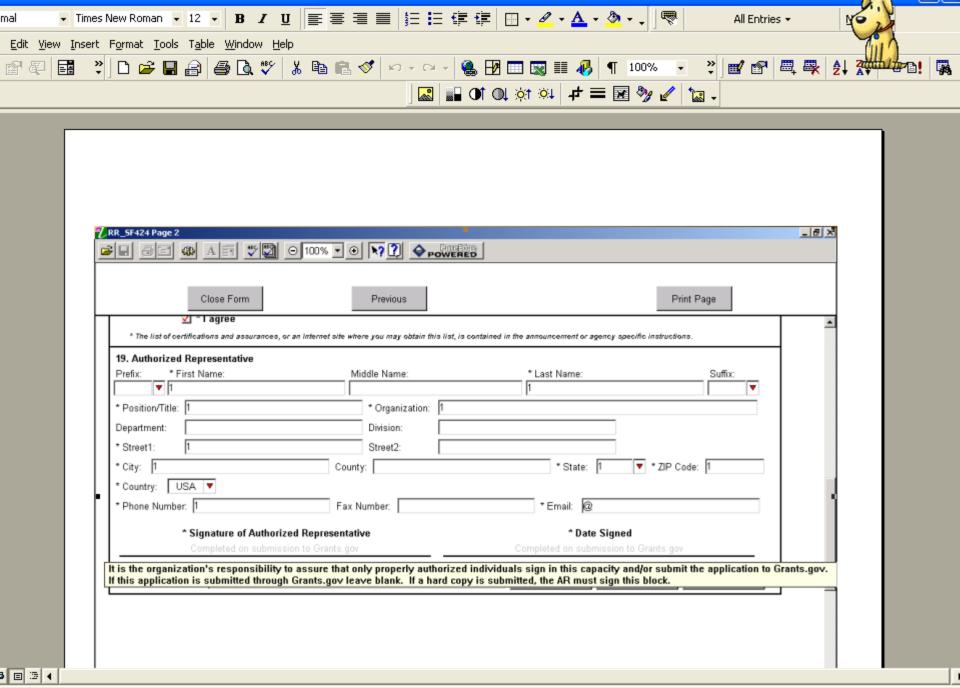
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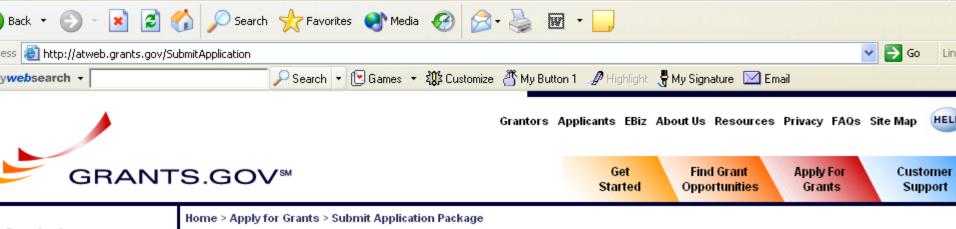
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The "Submit" button on the application package cover page will become active after you have completed all required forms, attached all required documents, and saved your application package. Click on the "Submit" button once you have done all these things and you are ready to send your completed application to Grants.gov.

Review the provided application summary to confirm that the application will be submitted to the program you wish to apply for. Click the "Yes" button if this information is correct and you are ready to submit the application. If you are not already connected to the Internet, you will be directed to do so. Log into Grants.gov using the username and password that you used in the Register with Grants.gov "Get Started" step.

Once you have logged in, your application package will automatically be uploaded to Grants.gov. A confirmation screen will appear once the upload is complete. Note that a Grants.gov Tracking number will be provided on this screen. Please record this number so that you may refer to it should you need to contact <u>Customer Support</u>.

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Context Sensitive Help

Information for the specific page that you are on. Context-sensitive help can be accessed at any time by clicking the Help button in the upper right corner of your screen.

Frequent Questions

A list of commonly asked questions and answers

<u>Tutorial</u>

A computer-based training lesson, designed to teach you everything you need to know about using Grants.gov.

User Guide

A comprehensive guide to reference information about Grants.gov, with an index. You can use this online or print what you need.

Quick Reference

A job aid that will provide the most commonly used information.

Glossary

A list of common terms relating to grants and their definitions.

Email and telephone support, for when you need assistance or just want to tell us what you think.

If you think that someone has fraudulently represented Grants.gov, contact the HHS Fraud Hotline at 1-800-447-8477 and contact support@grants.gov

Grants.gov/Apply Tips

- Be sure you have permission to install the PurEdge Viewer (for large organizations ask IT administrator to push PurEdge to your computer)
- Register Early Do not wait until the NOFA is published.
- Submit your application when the Customer Support Line is open.
- Make sure your AOR signing the application has the authority to make a legally binding agreement for your organization.

Grants.gov/Apply Tips

- Zip attached files and send as a single attachment.
- Allow time for application to upload and transmit to Grants.gov.
- Timely receipt is when the application is received by Grants.gov.

Federal Initiatives and Mandates

Government-wide Streamlining Actions –

- May 11, 2004 Federal Register Notice Eliminates Certifications for Drug-Free Workplace and Debarment and Suspension
- Debarment and Suspension Working Group is developing a single regulation to replace each agency's separate full text plus any additions, clarifications or exceptions in the agency implementation regulations; reducing the CFR by approximately 750 pages.

Streamlining Actions-R&R

- A cross-agency work group completed the SF 424 (R&R) –Research and Related data set.
- The SF 424 (R&R), after full agency review and comment, will become the common Federal form for research and related grant applications, replacing agency specific forms.

Interagency Actions – Grants Management Line of Business

- In March 2004, OMB formed the Grants Management Line of Business (GMLoB) Task Force as part of government-wide business consolidation efforts.
- The GMLoB vision is a government-wide framework to support end-to-end grants management activities.

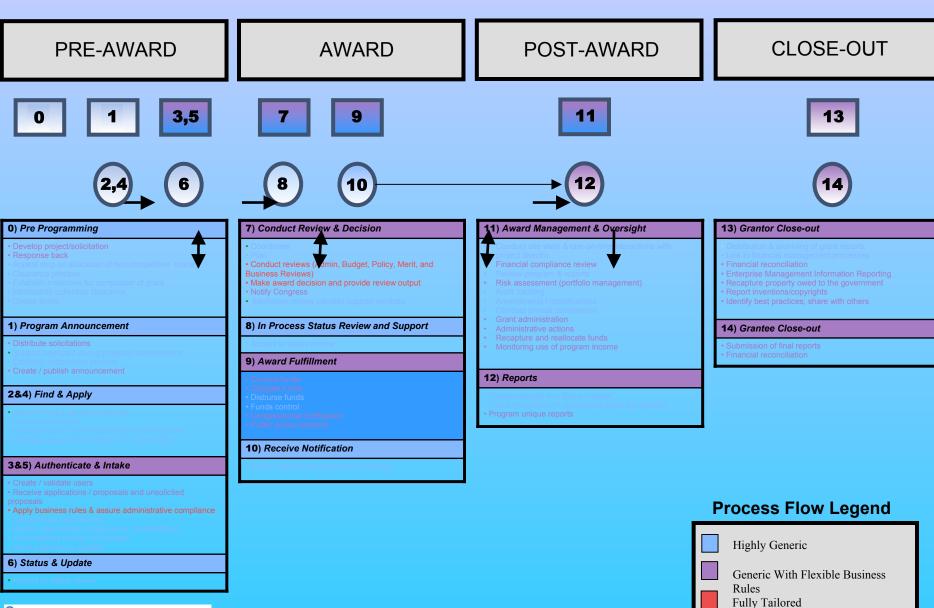
GMLoB Goals

- Use Best Practice business processes and standard data models.
- Leverage and maximize existing agency and industry capabilities to support market segment lines of business in Grants Management.
- Achieve or enhance cost savings in enhancement or acquisition, implementation and operation of grants management systems.

GMLoB Progress

- Issued RFI for agency and industry best practice responses.
- Reviewed responses and prepared white paper with recommendations to OMB.
- Draft White Paper developed July 2004 identifying common grants management processes.

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GMLoB White Paper

- 12 month planning phase
- Introduced concept of Service Centers for discrete business processes (Pre-Award, Award, Post-Award, Audit).
- Functionality becomes available in FY 06 –07 as Service Centers come online.
- Agencies adopt increasing functionality over a 4 year period.
- Change Management Costs incurred once for each Service Center
- Savings Accrued through increased operational efficiencies and cost avoidance.

HUD eGrants Program

HUD eGrants Vision

A HUD-wide solution to support end-toend grants management activities that will result in maximized services provided within communities, business partner collaboration, and agency financial and technical integrity, consistent with Federal Grants Management Line of Business solution.

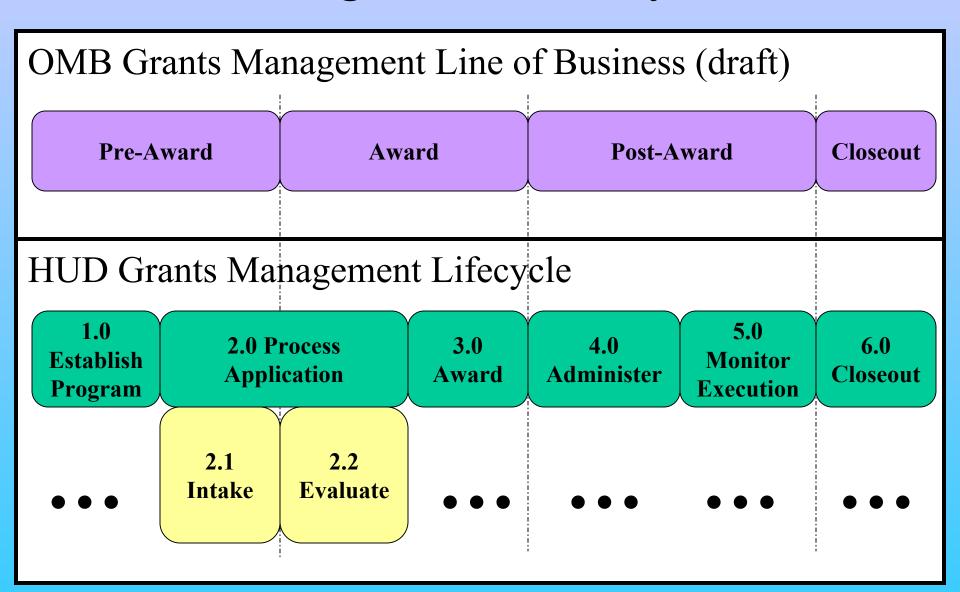
HUD eGrants Goal

Leverage technology to empower our business partners, program offices, and the Department as a whole to increase housing and development services to quantitatively improve communities.

HUD eGrants Objectives

- Provide HUD business partners with integrated, Federal information they can use to leverage housing and development services in communities.
- Improve data collection and analysis capabilities within the Department to better target community needs.

Grants Management Lifecycle Phases



Business Model Observations

- Limited process differences exist between Formula and Discretionary Grants.
- Define standardized requirements for amending existing grant agreements.
- OMB Performance Metrics requirements will impact performance monitoring activities.

Business Model Observations (cont'd)

- Office-specific business processes are additional processes, not alternatives to the common process flow.
- Processes requiring additional implementation flexibility have been identified throughout the GM lifecycle.

Analysis Statistics

- At the lowest level of detail, more than 85% of the business processes are not office-specific.
- Of that 85%, more than 70% are common to the overall grants process (i.e. not specific to discretionary or formula grants).
- 80% of the office-specific business processes occur in the first three phases of the GM lifecycle.
- Less than 25% of the business rules are office-specific.
- Approximately 10% of the office-specific business rules apply to more than one business process.

Next Steps for Applicants/Grantees

- Install PurEdge Viewer
- Complete Grants.gov registration process
- Inform business partners about Grants.gov and electronic submissions
- Submit 2005 applications via Grants.gov